Sl. No.	Plan Scheme	Financial Outlay (Rs. in crores)
	administrative offices and software Development	
3	Computerisation and networking of Head Record Offices & Transit Mail Offices	13.32
4	Upgradation of customer care centres	11.57
5	Modernization & upgradation of Very Small Apperture Terminal (VSAT) system	0.75
6	Modernization of operative/working systems (Improving ergonomics)	5.54
7	Automatic mail processing centres	24.00
8	Mechanization/Modernization of mail movement	0.30
9	Modernization/upgradation of premium products	2.74
10	Upgradation and promotion of philately	0.84
11	Training	6.65
12	Construction of Buildings	28.00
13	Modernisation of circle stamp depots	0.26
14	Computerisation of international mail processing	1.26
15	National data centre	5.00
16	Research and development/studies/surveys	1.00
17	Establishment of express parcel post centres	0.50
18	e-post	0.50
19	e-Bill Post	0.50
20	New products and services including Development of financial products and services	5.00
	GRAND TOTAL	150.00

Future of Landline Telephones

3004. SHRI C. RAMCHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the implications of the increasing trend to acquire cellular phones;

(b) if so, what would be its impact on landline telephones in the next couple of years;

(c) whether Government foresee the landline telephones being wiped out in favour of cellular telephones in the country;

(d) if so, whether Government are contemplating of providing any relief to the fixed line subscribers by providing rent free, fault free telephones or by way of increasing free calls to subscribers, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) Sir, with the opening up of the Telecom Services, Fixed Telephone Service as well as Cellular Mobile Telephone Service, to Private Sector, market forces decide the growth of these services. As per the Report of the Working Group on the Telecom Sector, constituted by Planning Commission, to make recommendations on various policy matters for preparation of the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07), the ratio of landlines (fixed telephones) to cellular telephones to be added during the Plan period will be around 60% to 40% and as such it is estimated that in the coming years the landlines as well as the cellular telephones will co-exist.

(d) Does not arise.

Telephone facilities in A.P.

3005. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the villages of Andhra Pradesh have been provided with telephone facilities;

(b) if not, the number of villages without telephone facilities in the State, district-wise;

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed by Government for providing telephone facilities in each and every village of the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.